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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

GERMANY AND RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKS SIGN TREATY.

THOUSAND MILITARY INSTRUCTORS FOR RUSSIA.

Russia to ignore the Entente.

London, April 21.

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Warsaw, telegraphing on the 17th instant, says a formal Treaty was signed last week between Germany and the Russian Bolshevik Government, under which the Germans are to re-organise the Russian Railways and send a thousand military instructors to the Russian Army.

Russia undertakes to send Germany agreed provisions yearly. Russia undertakes not to enter into negotiations with the Entente.

Russia will militarily assist Germany in case of need during the next 20 years.

PEACE IN THE MAKING.

MARSHAL FOCH'S ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE.

Paris, April 25.

At a meeting of the French Cabinet yesterday, Marshal Foch spoke for an hour and twenty minutes on the question of the occupation of the Rhine.

A plenary session of the Peace Conference will be held on Monday when the approval of the Conference will be sought for the League of Nations Covenant in the amended form and for the report on the Commission of the responsibility for the war.

Probably the Japanese amendment asking for the equality of all nations in the League and the French amendment regarding the Military side of the League of Nations will figure on the agenda of the meeting.—Havas.

THE FUTURE OF FIUME.

ITS SOVEREIGNTY UNDECIDED.

Paris, April 26.

French circles feel that Signor Orlando, the Premier of Italy, has a chance of proving that he is a great statesman if he leads the Italian people to carry out the policy of International solidarity on the basis that the Council of Four will not agree to Fiume being wholly under Italian sovereignty.

The French papers declare that the alliance still exists between France, America and Great Britain and that they will not be divided by a warning against illusions of panic.—Havas.

TRADE EXHIBITION IN PARIS.

Paris, April 26.

Speaking yesterday at the Hotel de Ville inaugurating the Foire de Paris, the President of the Municipal Council mentioned the presence of 3,500 exhibitors, despite economic restrictions still prevailing.—Havas.

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM TRADE.

CLAUSE IN PEACE TREATY.

Paris, April 25.

At a meeting of four foreign Ministers and the first Japanese delegate it has been decided to suppress the opium trade, meaning the inclusion in the Peace Treaty of a clause accepting the International Convention drawn up in 1912 for opium and derivatives, to be confined to medical purposes, for preventing smuggling. It requires the Powers possessing leased territories in China to enforce the measures recommended.—Havas.

THE MINES IN THE SAAR VALLEY.

BENEFITS CONFERRED ON FRANCE.

Paris, April 22.

The Peace Treaty provides the ownership of mines in the Saar Valley by France, involving the ownership of all accessories, plant, equipment, buildings and schools. The Saar basin will form part of the French Customs Union.—Havas.

FRANCE AND SYRIA.

Paris, April 20.

Emir Feisal has postponed his departure at the request of the French Government, to pursue negotiations regarding Syria.—Havas.

FRANCE'S NOTE CIRCULATION.

Paris, April 20.

M. Klotz, the Minister of Finance, has brought in a Bill in the Chamber of Deputies, to ratify the agreement increasing the note circulation from 36 to 37 milliards of francs.—Havas.

JAPANESE NAVAL SQUADRON AT MARSEILLES.

BIG FEAST ARRANGED.

Paris, April 20.

A Naval Japanese Squadron, comprising the Ideumo, Hinoki, Momo, Yanagi and Kaishi is due at Marseilles on April 27th. A big feast has been arranged.—Havas.

PRESIDENT WILSON CONFERS WITH FRENCH PREMIER.

Paris, April 20.

President Wilson yesterday afternoon had a long interview at the French War Office with M. Clemenceau, who afterwards saw Marshal Foch.—Havas.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PROBLEM OF THE ADRIATIC.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

New York, April 23. (via Paris, April 21.)

President Wilson, this afternoon, in the first statement dealing directly with a controverted question before the Peace Conference, issued an official statement dealing with the Adriatic problem. In issuing the statement the President let it be known what he desired once again to call attention to the fact that there were certain well-defined principles which have been accepted by the peoples of the world as the basis for a lasting peace. The United States simply recalled this in order that there should be no deviation from these principles. The statement as issued was as follows:—

STATEMENT IN RE ADRIATIC.

In view of the capital importance of the questions affected, and in order to throw all possible light upon what is involved in their settlement, I hope that the following statement will contribute to the final formation of opinion and to a satisfactory solution.

When Italy entered the war she entered upon the basis of a definite, private understanding with Great Britain and France, now known as the Pact of London. Since that time the whole face of circumstances has been altered. Many other Powers, great and small, have entered the struggle with no knowledge of that private understanding. The Austro-Hungarian Empire, then the enemy of Europe, and at whose expense the Pact of London was to be kept in the event of victory, has gone to pieces and no longer exists. Not only that. The several parts of that Empire, it is now agreed by Italy and all her associates, are to be erected into independent States and associated in a League of Nations, not with those who were recently our enemies, but with Italy herself and the Powers that stood with Italy in the great war for liberty. We are to establish their liberty as well as our own. They are to be among the smaller States whose interests are henceforth to be as scrupulously safeguarded as the interests of the most powerful States.

The war was ended, moreover, by proposing to Germany an armistice and peace which should be founded on certain clearly-defined principles and which should set up a new order of right and justice. Upon those principles the peace with Germany has been conceived, not only, but formulated. Upon those principles it will be executed. We cannot ask the great body of Powers to propose and effect peace with Austria and establish a new basis of independence and right in the States which originally constituted the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the States of the Balkan group on principles of another kind. We must apply the same principles to the settlement of Europe in those quarters that we have applied in the peace with Germany. It was upon the explicit avowal of those principles that the initiative for peace was taken. It is upon them that the whole structure of peace must rest.

If these principles are to be adhered to, Fiume must serve as the outlet and inlet of the commerce, not of Italy, but of the lands to the north and north-east of that port: Hungary, Bohemia, Rumania, and the States of the new Jugo-Slavic group. To assign Fiume to Italy would be to create the feeling that we had deliberately put the port upon which all these countries chiefly depend for their access to the Mediterranean in the hands of a Power of which it did not form an integral part and whose sovereignty, if set up there, must inevitably seem foreign, not domestic, or identified with the commercial and industrial life of the regions which the port must serve. It is for that reason, no doubt, that Fiume was not included in the Pact of London, but there definitely assigned to the Croats.

And the reason why the line of the Pact of London swept about many of the islands of the eastern coast of the Adriatic around the portion of the Dalmatian coast which lies most open to the sea was not only that here and there on those islands and here and there on that coast there are bodies of people of Italian blood and connections, but also, and no doubt chiefly, because it was felt that it was necessary for Italy to have a foothold amidst the channels of the eastern Adriatic in order that she might make her own coasts safe against the naval aggression of Austria-Hungary. But Austria-Hungary no longer exists. It is proposed that the fortifications which the Austrian Government constructed there shall be razed and permanently destroyed. It is part also of the new plan of European order which centres in the League of Nations that the new States erected there shall accept a limitation of armaments which puts aggressions out of the question. There can be no fear of the unfair treatment of groups of Italian people there because adequate guarantees will be given, under international sanction, of the equal and equitable treatment of all racial or national minorities.

In brief, every question associated with this settlement wears a new aspect—a new aspect given it by the very victory for right for which Italy has made the supreme sacrifice of blood and treasure. Italy, along with the four other great Powers, has become one of the chief trustees of the new order which she has played so honourable a part in establishing.

And on the north and north-east her natural frontiers are completely restored, along the whole sweep of the Alps from north-west to south-east to the very end of the Istrian Peninsula, including all the great watershed within which Trieste and Pola lie and all the fair regions whose face nature has turned towards the great peninsula upon which the historic life of the Latin people has been worked out through centuries of famous story ever since Rome was first set upon her Seven Hills. Her ancient unity is restored. Her lines are extinct to the great walls which are her natural defence. It is within her choice to be surrounded by friends; to exhibit to the newly-liberated peoples across the Adriatic that noblest quality of greatness, magnanimity, friendly generosity, the preference of justice over interest.

The nations associated with her, the nations that know nothing of the Pact of London or of other special understanding that lies at the beginning of this great struggle, and who have made their supreme sacrifice also in the interest, not of national advantage or defence, of the settled peace of the world, now unite with her other associates in urging her to assume a leadership which cannot be mistaken in the new order of Europe. America is Italy's friend. Her people are drawn, millions strong, from Italy's own fair countryside. She is linked in blood as well as in affection with the Italian peoples. Such ties can never be broken. And America was privileged, by the generous commission of her associates in the war, to initiate the peace we are about to consummate—to initiate it upon terms she had herself formulated, and in which I was her spokesman. The compulsion is upon her to square every decision she takes a part in with those principles. She can do nothing else. She trusts Italy, and in her trust believes that Italy will ask nothing of her that cannot be made unmistakably consistent with those sacred obligations. Interests are not now in question, but the rights of peoples, of States new and old, liberated peoples and peoples whose rulers have never accounted them worthy of right; above all, the right of the world to peace and to such settlement of interests as shall make peace secure.

These, and these only, are the principles for which America has fought. These, and these only, are the principles upon which she can consent to make peace. Only upon these principles, she hopes and believes, will the people of Italy ask her to make peace. (Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

ALLIED UNITED FRONT AGAINST GERMANY.

NO TRUCULENCE ALLOWED.

Paris, April 22.

The Havas Agency states that the German Government has accepted all the Allies' conditions and will send to Versailles a delegation headed by Count Broikdorf Rantzau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the total number of the German delegation being about 75.

The French Press state that whatever differences of opinion there may be among the Allies, they will delegate them to a back place, showing a united front against German bluff and trickery. America, France, and Great Britain are absolutely at one in their attitude towards the Germans' efforts to protract a discussion. No controversy is possible between Versailles and Berlin at Versailles. The Treaty must be published, communicated, imposed and signed.—Havas.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE SINGAPORE RELIEF SHIP.

DISGRACEFUL CONDITIONS REPORTED.

Singapore, April 27.

Reports regarding the Maraca are unsatisfactory. She put in at Colombo for more stewards and fresh water.

Letters describe the conditions as disgraceful, with possibly serious results.

ITALY WITHDRAWS FROM PEACE CONFERENCE.

Shanghai, April 29.

Peking learns that Italy has withdrawn from the Peace Conference as a result of President Wilson's statement refusing Fiume to Italy.

FLOGGING FOR ROBBERS.

Singapore, April 26.

Owing to the continuance of armed gang robberies, a Bill is being introduced to make flogging a compulsory part of all judicial sentences for this crime.

SINGAPORE VOLUNTEER COMMANDANT RESIGNS.

Singapore, April 26.

Colonel Derrick, who has had thirty-one years' service in the Singapore Volunteer Corps and eight years as Commandant, is resigning on 30th April. He is an original member of the Corps.

NEW CHINESE CHURCH.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID AT CANTON.

The corner-stone for the new building of the Chinese Holy Catholic Church at Canton was laid last Sunday by the Bishop of Victoria (Hongkong) the Rt. Rev. Gerald H. Lander, D. D., who also officiated at a confirmation service.

A Confirmation service took place yesterday, April 27, in the Chinese Holy Catholic Church (Chung Hua Shen Kung Hui) in Fook On Street when twenty-seven candidates were admitted to the Holy Communion. A large number of members and visiting clergymen were present in spite of the hot weather, including the Bishop of Victoria who delivered the sermon. The subject was "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Other ministers and officers present were the Rev. Mok Sau Tseng, the Rev. W. Rogers, the Rev. King Lee, Rev. Wong Tang Ng and Captain Bundle, Military Chaplain of Hongkong.

After the service, the congregation, together with the choir, the Clergy, the Churchwardens and other officials followed the Bishop of Victoria to the new site at Tung Wang Street where the stone for a new church building was exposed to view ready to be laid.

The ceremony for the laying of the stone was opened with the singing of a Psalm and prayer, after which the stone was laid by the Bishop. The Bishop, in the course of his speech, mentioned that the cost of the building of this Church will be about \$30,000 but, thanks to various subscribers, the amount has been pledged, and that the Church itself will accommodate at least 700 persons. He also mentioned that, owing to his health, he is obliged to go away for a time, but he hopes that on his return, which will be probably next autumn, the Church will be finished.

The ceremony concluded with the photographing of all those who were present.—Canton Times.

DEATH OF MR. G. A. DUTTON.

FORMER RESIDENT OF HONGKONG.

We regret (says the N.C. Daily News) to announce the death of Mr. George Alan Dutton, which has taken place in London, following on influenza and pneumonia. Mr. Dutton was connected with Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews for a short time in Shanghai and Tairen and afterwards in Hongkong. During the first two years of the war he served in the Defence Force in Hongkong.

Deep sympathy will be extended to Mrs. Dutton, who was well known to many in Shanghai as Nurse Callaghan of the Railway Hospital. She left Shanghai when war broke out, travelling on a Russian steamer and was held up in Spain for a short time, but eventually returned to the Far East, marrying Mr. Dutton in Hongkong.

The news of Mr. Dutton's death will come as a great surprise in Hongkong, for on enquiry at Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews' offices we learn that no intimation of his demise had been received there. Mr. Dutton was with the firm for a period of five years, most of which was spent in Hongkong, and he left for Home in March, 1916, in a rather poor state of health. Mr. D. K. Blair heard from him some little time ago, and he then seemed to be in fairly good health. We understand that shortly after reaching Home, Mr. Dutton was appointed Secretary to the Finance Committee of the Ministry of Munitions, and resided at East Sheen, near Richmond. He was a son of the late Mayor of Chester, and leaves a wife and one child. Mr. Dutton was greatly liked by all who knew him, and the news of his death will be received with intense regret by his many friends, who will join in sincere sympathy with the widow in her loss.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 3s 4.15-16d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—Cloudy. Barometer: 29.79. Temperature 2 p.m.:—82. Humidity 2 p.m.:—78.

LEST WE FORGET.

On October 9 last, 60 Russian non-commissioned officers and 250 men were brought as prisoners of war to Mauthausen. Five days later a German officer told them they were to be employed on military works in Northern France, and asked the non-commissioned officers if they consented to go. When they protested he called a detachment of German soldiers and ordered them to beat the Russian non-commissioned officers with the butt ends of their rifles. The German soldiers did so for an hour and a half, until all 60 men had become an almost compact mass of bloody flesh. When the massacre had been completed, the German officer mounted this heap of corpses and walked about on it for some time.—Statement by M. Krivtsov, member of the Russian Senate and President of the Extraordinary Commission of Inquiry. Published in "Daily Chronicle," March 5, 1917.

DAY BY DAY.

The s.s. Hejaz left Shanghai for this Port on the 25th instant, a.m., with the homeward English Mails, and is due here on the 30th instant, morning.

"The House of Hate," new episodes of which were screened on Saturday at the Victoria Theatre, has been drawing packed houses. Pearl White is a film favourite and it is interesting to record that every picture depicting her requires no bleating to attract the public.

"Aladdin and his Wonderful Lamp," the pantomime which Mrs. Gurner has promoted and which Mrs. Neighbour and Mrs. Bentley produced at the Royal Naval Theatre, drew a packed house on Saturday afternoon. Friday's performance netted, we are told, \$1,000 and Saturday's matinee must have brought in a good sum, so with two more performances—one to-night and the other on Wednesday afternoon—quite a decent sum would be secured for the cause, namely, the Ministering Children's League.

A metal store at No. 10, Mallory Street, Wanchai, was broken into on two occasions and a large quantity of iron bolts stolen. The latest theft took place yesterday morning. The thieves, four in number, scaled the high wall at the place, and got access to the metal by boring a hole through the door. As they were coming on to the Praya with their plunder, contained in sacks, which were slung across their shoulders, they were met by a constable. One of them threw his sack into the sea while the others took to their heels, pursued by the constable. One thief was arrested and the information he gave to the Police led to the arrest of another man. They were sentenced to-day at the Magistracy to three months' hard labour.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.

Theatre Royal.—Howitt-Phillips Co. present "The Case of Lady Cumber"—9.15 p.m.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

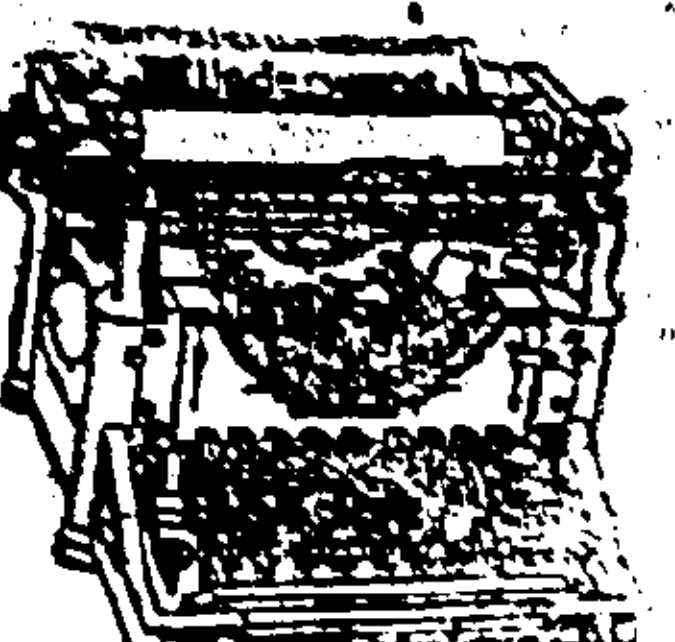
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IRISH CLAIMS.

DISCUSSION IN
WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 4.—The House early to-day by a vote of 216 to 41 adopted the resolution expressing the hope that the Peace Conference would "favourably consider the claims of Ireland to the right of self-determination." The resolution now goes to the Senate, where it is considered altogether improbable that any action can be obtained before final adjournment.

When the House resolution was received by the Senate, Senator France, of Maryland, Republican, asked unanimous consent for its immediate consideration. Senator Smith, of Georgia, Democrat, objected, and demanded that the resolution go to the Foreign Affairs Committee, where a similar resolution has been pending for several months.

Adoption of the resolution in the House came after a turbulent all-night session in which an organised effort was made to keep the resolution from coming to a vote. The attempt was abandoned shortly before six o'clock. Only one member, Representative Connally, of Texas, expressed opposition to the purpose of the resolution, but Republican Leader Mann, Representative Moore, of Pennsylvania, and others, attempted parliamentary delay throughout the night.

Representative Mann charged that Democratic supporters of the resolution had delayed the bringing of it to a vote until just before adjournment so that it would not be passed by the Senate and so that President Wilson would not be called upon to approve or disapprove the measure.

"I desire to advise the political party that attempts to throttle this resolution that it is dealing with dynamite," said Representative Gallivan, of Massachusetts, Democrat. "I appeal to the House to stop this nonsense and give consideration to a resolution for the relief of a people who have been suffering for several centuries, and to let the world know that we believe in President Wilson when he said we entered the war to make small nations free."

Mr. Gallivan asserted that if the Peace Conference adjourned without giving Ireland self-determination, Ireland would be the only "oppressed country in Europe," and that England would be the only "oppressor of the old world."

In opposing the resolution, Representative Connally said the internal affairs of Great Britain were no concern to the people of the United States. The people of this country, he asserted, would resent a resolution in the British Parliament proposing self-determination for Porto Rico.

Representative Gallagher of Illinois, author of the resolution, said that even if the measure were not approved by the Senate, favourable action by the House might obtain sympathetic consideration for Ireland at the Peace Conference.

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Of the 370 football clubs in Essex before the war only eight survive.

The Irish athletic championships are likely to be fixed for Whit Monday.

Harry Graham, of the Heart of Midlothian, is expected home before the end of the season.

The suggestion is made that Dunfermline Athletic should change the name of the club to "Rosyth."

There are three brothers Carr playing in the Middlesbrough eleven, and a fourth has also appeared in the team.

E. T. Vizard, the Welsh international forward, has been appointed team manager for one year of the Bolton Wanderers.

The question of increased fees for admission to football matches was considered at the recent meeting of the Southern League, but no action was taken.

Val of Levan are seeking promotion to the first division of the Scottish League. A company is to be floated. They would pair with Dumbarton.

In the final billiard tie in Hawick Constitutional Club, for the silver cup presented by the N.C.O.'s of the Gordon Highlanders, Mr. Adam Aitken (owes 10), beat Mr. G. Barlow (15), by 150 to 138.

The Richmond Rugby Club, one of the oldest in the country, have had a meeting, and are to arrange a fixture list at once for season 1919-20. Mr. E. T. Gordon, the English internationalist of long ago, was in the chair.

Greenock Wanderers have emerged into life again, and hope to have the services of John Kerr, the old Carlton cricketer of some years ago, and perhaps the patriarch of present day Rugby players. He is a man of wonderful vitality and energy.

Brigadier-Colonel W. Alexander, D.S.O., an old West of Scotland F.C. forward, is a member of the Royal Air Council. He was a major in the Black Watch (Territorials) in pre-war days. His promotion is one of the many romances of the war.

Glasgow High School boys are to have the use of Hamilton Crescent for their cricket matches and practice during the early summer months. This should be the means of forming interesting associations with the West of Scotland C.C., who are much in need of school resources to draw upon.

The Amateur Boxing Association and the Fencing and Gymnastic Association, in conjunction with the Army Boxing Association, decided to resuscitate the public schools boxing, fencing, and gymnastic championships, which will be held at the Regent Street Polytechnic, subject to the consent of Mr. J. E. K. Studd.

Now that many members of the Shropshire Police Force formerly on military service have been demobilised, an effort is being made to organise a team to meet the Queen's Park Division eleven in the final for the Scottish Police Cup. The semi-final ties were played in 1914 but on the outbreak of war the competition was allowed to lapse.

The trustees of the Leicester Junior Training Hall have offered the free use of their building to all junior Rugby clubs. These premises, which include immense floor space and gymnasium and other appurtenances, have been erected at a cost of nearly £30,000, and are to be devoted solely to training and developing the Leicester and Leicestershire youth in all branches of a amateur sport and athletics.

GENERAL NEWS.

BISHOP'S STRANGE UTTERANCES.

Bishop Hayden, of Wileannia-Forbes (Australia), in his St. Patrick's Day oration at the local celebrations said he regarded Sinn Feiners as heaven-sent messengers. He expected great things from Sinn Feiners in the British Parliament. They had got all Ireland at their back, and he thought they had 90 per cent. of the Irish people in other parts as followers. It was, he said, his fervent prayer that God would guide the Sinn Feiners. The Irish people had been driven to rebellion, and they had been persecuted, but Ireland could never be conquered. He hoped Ireland would be filled with the spirit of Emmet, Parnell, and Wolfe-tone. Bishop Hayden introduced the name of Sir Edward Carson, when a voice cried: "Bury him!" "He is not dead," Bishop Hayden said. "I wish him no harm, but he would be better dead." British rule in Ireland, he continued, was no good. He would like to say something about it, but could not.

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PRESIDENT WILSON.

WHAT EUROPE THOUGHT OF HIM.

Frank H. Simonds writes from Paris under date of March 3 as follows:

There is probably no more difficult problem than the endeavour to represent to Americans accurately European views at the present time on American political conditions. Probably at no time since America entered the war has European attention been to such an extent concentrated on American domestic politics, and certainly not even in the period before we entered the war were these American political conditions less understood in Europe. At bottom, this failure accurately to appraise the situation in America arises from the fact that Europe has accepted Mr. Wilson without reservation as an authorised and qualified spokesman of the whole of the United States. The will of America, as it is understood here, is what President Wilson says in the Paris Conference.

In English and French politics alike the defeat of the Prime Minister on any larger question of policy means the fall of the Ministry and a change of political power. The fact that following President Wilson's defeat in the November election there was no change in America has been naturally accepted here, where a knowledge of our peculiar institutions is relatively slight, as proof that only domestic questions were involved in that election and that the President remains the spokesman for the American people, with their complete approval in foreign matters.

When President Wilson decided to come to Europe all the Allied nations had in their turn to decide whether or not the President should be received as an Ambassador of all America. They decided to accept him as such. They have listened to every word that he has spoken in matters of policy with exactly that attention, that consideration which flows from an unqualified acceptance of Mr. Wilson in such a role.

Now it is essential to recognise what the position of America in Europe is to-day. American aid on the military side is realised everywhere to have been the decisive factor in winning the war. American contributions to the feeding of millions of people in Belgium, in northern France, in eastern and southern Europe, has meant the difference between starvation and existence. There are literally millions of people alive in Europe who owe their existence wholly to America.

For the future the little people of the large countries and the people large and small of the little countries all turn their eyes toward America as the one solid element of hope in a world otherwise sombre and despairing. Admiration, gratitude, hope—all three emotions flow from American service in Europe, and President Wilson's welcome to Europe was a natural and spontaneous expression on the part of millions of people of their feelings towards the country that had saved them in the past and to whom they turn now for future deliverance.

To discriminate between Mr. Wilson as President of the United States and as such, the representative of his country in Paris, and President Wilson, leader of a political party at home, was a thing totally beyond the capacity of the European peoples. To them Mr. Wilson and the United States mean the same thing, and I cannot adequately describe the degree of apprehension and dismay which recent political events in the United States have occasioned. And this dismay arises primarily out of a feeling that America, as a whole, may desert Europe, may leave millions it has temporarily saved to permanent misery. The attack upon President Wilson's League of Nations formula seems to these peoples in Europe an attack upon all that America means to them, and this is bound to be so.

For the American in Europe the attitude and sentiment expressed by the common people of all the Allied nations is a thing which at once awakens pride and humility. It is not the flattery of politicians, it is not even the praise of public men which impresses; it is rather the simple, unlimited faith of the masses of the people. On two evenings last week I attended dinners, one in honour of Mr. Venizelos, the great Greek statesman, and the other presided over by Take Jonescu, the man who brought Rumania into the war on the Allied side. Both made speeches, and each, in a manner which was impressive, explained

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what to his own little people the League of Nations meant, with America as a force in that League, a force for that justice and that right of which, for their countries, America was the living embodiment.

I have said and I repeat that in my judgment it is the view of all well-informed Americans in Europe that for America to abandon the task now would mean to surrender Europe to a despair which might have almost any consequences. Germany lost this war, it is true, but before Germany laid down her arms she almost succeeded in wrecking the nations she attacked. She has left her enemies victorious, but exhausted, almost paralysed, in the presence of the stupendous task of reconstruction. We who came late, who suffered relatively little, were still strong, supplied the one fixed basis of hope in a situation critical beyond words to describe.

In this situation it is too much to expect that either France or Great Britain, much less the little nations, will be able to differentiate between Mr. Wilson, President, and Mr. Wilson, leader of the Democratic party. It is beyond the limits of possibility to expect that they will understand our domestic and political conditions or see anything in the present political conflict at home but a menace to all their hopes for the

future and a threat of repudiation by America of the many obligations which we have undertaken through the President of United States and have, through him, clearly indicated our purpose to carry on.

What opposition to the League of Nations in its present form is therefore unmistakable. Technical objections arising out of danger to the Monroe Doctrine or interference with our immigration laws are unimportant to the European mind. If it is desired by America, and asked, both will be excluded from the operation of the League of Nations. Any concession or amendment will be made, except one. No nation, big or little, will consent to the withdrawal of America from Europe willingly. If the League of Nations and the idea of the League of Nations collapse, the elements of hope will be withdrawn from the European situation and the people that have the great task of reconstruction to undertake may yield to despair. In sum, the simple fact is that Europe has accepted Mr. Wilson as the spokesman of America. It has welcomed him as no other public man has even been welcomed here before. He was the delegate of that America whose services were in the minds and hearts of millions of people. It has to an incredible

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extent risked all its future hope upon Mr. Wilson, not as an individual, but as President of the United States, and if the country repudiates what Mr. Wilson has done here, for domestic or political reasons which are wholly comprehensible to every American, the European tragedy will be stupendous.

The European has known no other American view than that of President Wilson. It has accepted his view because it believed it to be the American view, and to-day it stands literally aghast in the presence of the possibility, at least suggested by fragmentary dispatches, that the real view of America is something entirely different from the President's.

I have talked with many Republicans who are here, all of whom see the situation clearly, substantially as I have presented it here. Without exception they recognise the greatness of the American mission's opportunity and duty in Europe; with no dissenting voice they assert that to abandon the League of Nations, with its European re-

possibilities, now will be little less than the abandonment of those who died in Europe to establish American ideals in the world. No country could deserve the admiration America receives in Europe to-day and no country could afford to surrender that position in the world which had been won for it by devotion and achievement, by unselfishness unparalleled in world history; and to withdraw from Europe now would be to sacrifice what seems to the greatest opportunity for human service that has ever come to any single people.

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CHINA'S FUTURE

Whilst the Allied delegates in Paris are giving consideration to matters which affect the future of China, there is sitting in Shanghai another Conference whose aim is to bring about agreement between the conflicting elements in the Oriental Republic. It will be recalled that the Chinese delegations representing the North and the South had not gone very far in their deliberations before the Shanghai Conference broke down over the question of the continuance of hostilities in Shensi, and that the present gatherings represent the second attempt to settle all outstanding questions.

Up to now, no great advance has been made in this direction, for only the fringe of the really contentious matters has been touched. It is possible, indeed, very probable, that the great bulk of the Chinese people have no particular interest in the proceedings that are going on, but the outside world in general, and sympathetic foreign nations in particular, strongly hold the hope that the delegates assembled in Shanghai will succeed in evolving some scheme of settlement which will once and for all put an end to the disputes and wranglings which have for so many years characterised Chinese political life, and whose effect has undoubtedly been to weaken the nation and discredit its statesmen in the eyes of other nations.

There would be some hope of such a happy issue could we be but convinced that there were no secret influences at work behind the scenes and that the respective groups of delegates held the complete confidence of those whom they are supposed to represent. But can we really be sure of that? We have heard something of a movement which aims at converting the present Shanghai Conference into a new Government, or, at least, making that Conference the basis of a new Administration. On the other hand, a report has reached our ears that the Conference is becoming gradually isolated, that its discussions are so much wasted time and that the real peace settlement is being quietly arranged by other parties. Which of these reports is the more firmly based on facts it would be hard to say. Either development is possible in this land of political enigmas. The trouble is that in Chinese political life there are so many tricksters and unscrupulous schemers who, for the fruits of office, or the prospects of personal advancement, would sell their party without the least compunction about the matter. It is the old story of the lack of real cohesion. Dr. Reisch, the American Minister to Peking, the other day gave fresh emphasis to this point when he told a gathering of returned Chinese students that the Chinese are divided so deeply by conflicting interests, lack of confidence and mutual suspicion that it is very difficult to obtain the continuous co-operation of men for public ends. "A free State," he told his listeners, "can rest only on confidence, deep-seated confidence in men and their mutual loyalty to each other." Those words need burning into the minds of all the would-be leaders of China. The fact that China's social system is rooted in the family and the clan has no doubt had a deal to do with the chaotic state of the country in the past. It has not conducted to the birth of any real national spirit, which has further been hindered by language difficulties.

The hope of the nation, however, must lie in its progressive elements, and if the Western-educated young men, whether they receive their insight into Occidental ideas in Europe, America or Hongkong, could band themselves together on common ground, with the sole idea of service for their country as their goal, the eventual result would be a complete regeneration of the nation and a rejuvenation of its power and influence. That is the great opportunity which opens itself out to these young men. If they really want their country to become a great, free and independent State, they will seize it before it is too late.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A KNOTTY PROBLEM.

We see that the Kiauchau question, to which we made reference on Saturday, has again come into prominence in the Paris deliberations. It has been discussed by President Wilson, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Clemenceau, but the problem is still unsolved, and the expectation is that a compromise proposal will shortly be submitted by a few experts who are to thoroughly examine the matter. A telegram from Peking suggests that the territory may be administered for the time being by the five Great Powers, but that does not appear to be altogether to the liking of the Chinese, who want it returned direct to them. It is evident that the problem, being one in which many interests are involved, is not easy of solution, though China's ultimate right to the territory cannot very well be denied. News from Tokyo shows that there is some anger being displayed in Japanese circles because China is seeking to have the matter settled in Paris, instead of recovering the territory direct from Japan. The attitude of China is, indeed, described as "a most flagrant violation of international fidelity and unworthy and disgraceful of any nation claiming to be independent."

CHINA'S PREFERENCE.

Frankly, we cannot see the question in that light. Kiauchau is one of those former German territories whose fate ought rightfully to be settled by the Paris Conference. Whilst still leased to Germany, it was seized through the joint efforts of Japanese and British forces, and we cannot see that Japan has any ground for complaint if the Allies decide what is to become of it. She was apparently prepared for the Paris Conference to allocate the Pacific Islands to various mandates. Then why should she specially wish in this matter to deal solely with China? The attitude of the Japanese is sure to arouse a measure of suspicion. It might, of course, suit Japan's book to negotiate direct with China on the question, but what about China's wishes in the matter? After all, the territory belongs more to her than anybody else, and if China is willing that its disposition be left to the Allies, surely Japan ought to be content to abide by the decision. The conclusion, of course, cannot be escaped that the Chinese prefer to deal with the Allied deliberators, from whom they know that they will be likely to receive justice. Perhaps it is that very point that is making some of the Japanese so very angry. Anyhow, it is high time that the whole question was settled, one way or the other.

WAIT A YEAR.

When we read of the Canton Chinese telegraph office notifying the advance of the clock by one hour, and also note the comment of a Shanghai exchange that the change there has passed almost unnoticed, we cannot suppress a feeling of regret that Hongkong should still see fit to masquerade daylight-saving altogether. Some quarters have sought to discredit the benefits of the scheme by pointing to the varying standards adopted by Sicawai, the time-ball, etc., but, as *Shipping and Engineering* points out, these matters only involve mariners, who are well accustomed to dealing with the various standards of time measurement. What we cannot understand is why Hongkong in particular should resist the application of a method which has worked so well in other cities and countries. Do the local opponents of the system consider that they have a monopoly of wisdom on the point? The only explanation we can think of is that their attitude is just a little reflection of the natural aversion of a conservative-minded community against any departure from past methods. A year hence, the Colony will probably wake up, and then, perhaps, we shall decide that daylight-saving is not such a terribly revolutionary thing after all.

AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES IN FRANCE.

Lieutenant Maurice Boyer, secretary of the Bank of Paris, and economic expert with the French High Commission at Washington, D.C., is touring the United States and speaking in different cities. He spoke at length in Seattle on March 6 telling of the opportunities for American manufacturers and business men during the reconstruction period in France.

DAY BY DAY.

BY THE TIME THE AVERAGE MAN GETS OLD ENOUGH TO HAVE COMMON SENSE, HE IS TOO OLD TO USE IT TO ANY ADVANTAGE.

By the s.s. Suwa Maru there arrived nine Japanese, 54 Chinese and 37 Filipinos.

Amongst the passengers arriving in Hongkong by the s.s. Suwa Maru, was Mr. J. H. Wittchell, of Saigon.

"Zoo!"—We have decided to print no further letters on the Jesuit controversy; hence the non-appearance of your letter.

The Canton Rowing Club has issued a notice calling the annual general meeting for Tuesday the 29th inst., at 7 p.m. in the Canton Club.

Mr. E. L. Arnold, acting manager of the Commercial Union Assurance Co., of Shanghai, arrived here by the s.s. Nellora.

His Lordship Bishop Pozzoni left the Colony yesterday afternoon on a short visit to the interior and will be back on Saturday.

The Police Recreation Club has issued invitations for the official opening of its new Club-house at 6 p.m. on Friday and for the A.C. Home to be held the following afternoon.

Plague is still prevalent in Hongkong, the returns for last week showing 30 cases with 27 deaths. There were also six cases of cerebro-spinal meningitis (three fatal), three of small-pox (one fatal) and one fatal occurrence of enteric fever. All the sufferers were Chinese.

When barbers fall out they are inclined to resort to razors as weapons of offence. Two apprentices of a certain Chinese barber's shop had a difference of opinion, and one of them added force to his remarks by slashing the other's arm with a razor and inflicting a deep cut. The slasher got six weeks from the Magistrate this morning.

Mr. John Johnstone, who is succeeding the Hon. Mr. David Landale as *taipan* of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., in Hongkong, arrived here by the s.s. Nellora. Mr. Johnstone will leave for six months' furlough in Canada, in about two months' time, after which he will return to Hongkong to take over from the Hon. Mr. D. Landale, who will leave by the Empress of Russia for Home.

A gang of three robbers yesterday afternoon got aboard a Chinese cargo-boat which was lying off Wanchai. By representing that they were a party of Police coming to search the boat, they were able to ransack the boat without arousing the suspicions of the boatwoman. When they at last turned their attention to the more valuable contents of her cash box, and to her ear-rings, the boatwoman realised that she had been duped, and she found her voice. Police whistles were blown, and the robbers, in attempting to make their escape to the shore by jumping into the sea, were arrested by the Police, by whom they will be charged at the Magistracy to-morrow. The boatwoman says that she suffered a loss of \$20 in notes. One of the men charged is a Chinese ex-convict.

Acting on information received in regard to an active gang of coin counterfeiters, a Chinese in the service of the Police was sent by the latter to No. 16, Reclamation Street, the headquarters of the gang, with a marked \$5 note which he was told to change for small coins. This he did when he went into the house, and received a number of coins which subsequently proved to be false. A watchman, who was keeping watch outside the house, went in and arrested the gang, four in number, who were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day. A search, which the Police made, resulted in a quantity of false coins being found under a bed in the house, and at another search made later at No. 59, Woosung Street, a further quantity of false coins was seized by the Police. The balls, as fired by the Magistrate, for two of the prisoners, were \$2,000 each. Those for the other two men were \$1,000, and \$250 respectively.

CURRENT COIN.

[BY "MERCATOR."]

A readable brochure entitled "The Trade of South China: Information for Allied Manufacturers and Merchants" was issued on Wednesday by the Publicity Bureau for South China, the address of which is given as "c/o E.A.M. Williams, Esq., Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Hongkong." This seems at first sight a new venture, but the remark "We have, during the past few years, established cordial relationships with nearly 100 Chinese newspapers" is not reconcilable with the belief that the Publicity Bureau is a recent venture. Be that as it may, my main desire is not to launch into a pilgrimage to discover discrepancies in the equipment of the Bureau. I am thoroughly in sympathy with its ideals, and if it succeeds in popularising British wares with the teeming millions of China it will deserve the thanks of the British nation in a manner which no words in cold print could convey. The earning power of the Chinese, their standard of living and the character of their demands for the products of the West are steadily rising. For the British merchant, manufacturer and entrepreneur China is a land of unlimited possibilities.

The British now enjoy a greater share of China's foreign trade than any other nation, about one-half. In recent years this supremacy has not gone uncontested, and we shall require all our alertness and readiness of resource to maintain and extend our position, but the prize is rich beyond imagination. We have a lengthy experience of the Chinese market; we have no ambitions in China but to develop a trade which is beneficial to the people of China as to ourselves. We enjoy a prestige in China which is the reward of character, and there is a subtle sympathy between the Englishman and the Chinese which makes each respect and like the other. It is with the idea, presumably, of directing the attention of British men of business to the new China and its vast commercial and industrial potentialities that this Publicity Bureau has been established. China is one of the greatest markets in the world, occupying a territory of over four million square miles inhabited by from three hundred to four hundred millions of the most industrious people in the world. The population of South China is estimated at fifty millions, and concentration on South China markets alone should bear results that will surprise the most optimistic.

In the old days the China trade was conducted by a few firms whose business in exports and imports was done on well-established lines and largely through the medium of Chinese compradores. There is now a strong and increasing tendency for trade to develop on entirely new lines. The direct influence of the foreign merchants is penetrating into the interior, new markets are being opened up, new goods introduced, and a few vigorous and enterprising houses have carried their goods into the very heart of the country.

The difficulties in the way of direct sales into the interior are great, for the lack of a standard currency constitutes a severe handicap to such a method of furthering commercial enterprise, while the systems of credit between native and native, involving different sets of customs in almost every article and every place, are such as can be properly dealt with only by the native traders themselves. A proper system of standard coinage for China has boomed large in all external financial schemes for the development of the country. Some headway might perhaps be made by more direct representation by business houses in China in the same manner as the British American Tobacco Company and the Asiatic and Standard Oil Companies have pushed their business in the interior. Those trades are of a somewhat special nature. China is on the threshold of a trade boom, and if the Publicity Bureau can fulfil all that it claims to do it should prove of great assistance to British traders who are desirous of pushing their goods in China. The brochure speaks glibly of "scientific" advertising. Lists of the names of 50,000 Chinese traders and the circulation of Chinese

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COMPANIES ORGANISE.

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Macleod and Company, Macdonald and Company and G. S. Yuill and Company, Ltd., will probably be listed as members at the next meeting of the organisation.

Newspapers do not constitute "scientific" advertising. The present *raison d'être* of the Publicity Bureau is to feed readers of Chinese newspapers with British manufacturers' and merchants' advertisements. That is not likely to produce much of a result. The Publicity Bureau must be in a position to help the British trader, desirous of finding an outlet for his goods in the vast Chinese Empire, in mapping out a scheme of campaign for him, and this can efficiently be done only by a "trained" advertising man.

A successful advertising campaign need not be planned on a very ambitious scale. The expenditure of thought, time and carefulness should be much greater than that of money. The campaign should be set out with a clear and definite idea of what is wanted to be done, and consequently to be put into execution with precision and confidence. It is essential that the manufacturer should start right. On the authority of men who have lived in China for years to do business here it is practically essential for a manufacturer that he should sell through an agent rather than direct. As the support of a very strong body of retailers is essential to the success of many a campaign, an agency that possesses a good record of successes in marketing goods through this body is preferable.

It is not the advertising agent who constitutes the new factor, but his modern methods. The advertising agent was formerly the collector and distributor of that which the advertiser provided, but to-day he is the guide, philosopher and friend. The advertising agent has directed his attention to the study of the mental workings of humanity in bulk, of the psychology of crowds, be it in the streets or the offices or in the quiet of the fireside. And he has realised that the modern human being does think for himself or herself to a certain degree and likes an appeal to his or her intellect and power of critically considering any particular question on its fancied merits.

The feature of the week on the Stock Exchange has been another spurt in China Sugars, which rose steadily from \$139 to \$150. The tendency is strong and shares offering are reported to be scarce. The enquiry for cotton shares shows no signs of abatement. Shanghai Cottons have improved to tael 179 for cash and tael 185 for June, Kung Yiks at tael 34 and tael 35, Ewos at tael 242 1/2 and Yangtzeopos at tael 12 3/4. Perhaps the most notable rise in this class of securities was registered in Orientals, which have gone up to tael 91, a rise of 14 tael over the previous week. Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have receded to \$685, owing to the recent advance in the exchange.

SUPPORT OF A WIFE.

WARNING TO HUSBANDS.

In a recent case in which a Chinese seaman was charged with neglecting to support his wife, an order was made by the Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood) for the defendant to pay \$7 per month to his wife for maintenance. In accordance with the order, the defendant had on the 1st of March paid the money. As a result of his failure to pay the April instalment, endeavours were made to trace the man, and he was arrested, on a warrant, when his ship arrived in the Colony.

The case was brought before Mr. G. N. Ormstedt, and Mr. Leo d'Almada, who represented the seaman, asked for a suspension of the order on the ground that the defendant was out of employment, having been dismissed from his vessel. In addition to providing for his wife's maintenance, the defendant has also to pay \$15 on an order of the Summary Court towards wiping out a debt of \$841.40 which he had contracted. This was a heavy handicap. Mr. d'Almada stated on a man who drew only \$27 a month as quarter-master of the steamer and was now unemployed.

The Magistrate granted leave to Mr. d'Almada to apply again for a suspension of the order in the event of the defendant being unable to find employment. His Worship observed that the present case would act as a good warning to husbands to keep on good terms with their wives.

CHINESE LABOUR CORPS.

1,100 COOLIES IN HONGKONG.

Eleven hundred Northern Chinese, who have been attached to the Chinese Labour Corps in France during the war, arrived in the Colony to-day by the Blue Funnel steamer Rhesus. They have come direct from France and are under the supervision of officers of the R.A.M.C.

During the morning a number of the men were to be seen walking round the streets of Kowloon. Most of them were dressed in a blue uniform with red facings and looked quite contented and in good health. They will leave Hongkong for the North by the same steamer.

R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

EASTER COMPETITION RESULTS.

Men's Ecclectic Competition on 18 Hole Course at Fanling, for a Cup presented by Surg. Capt. Draper, R.M., won by Mr. Higby, with a net score of 66.

Men's Bogey Competition on the 18 Hole Course at Fanling—won by Mr. E. H. Scott, who was all square.

Mixed Doubles Competition on 18 Hole Course at Fanling—Lieut. Commander and Mrs. Kilgour and Mr. and Mrs. Congdon tied, with a score of 99 net.

HOT WEATHER IN MANILA.

There are indications that the present hot season will be the hottest in a number of years according to information secured yesterday from the Weather Bureau, says the *Manila Bulletin* of April 19. The mercury has been aiming at the hundred mark for the past week or 10 days and came within one-tenth of a degree of reaching it on Wednesday when the record shows 37.7 degrees Centigrade, or 99.9 degrees Fahrenheit. The maximum for yesterday was 37.2 degrees Centigrade or 99 degrees Fahrenheit.

INTER-SERVICE RUGBY.

London, 27th March.—The following are the results of matches in the inter-service Rugby tournament to-day:—

New Zealand beat South Africa, at Twickenham by 14 points to 5. Mother Country beat Canada at Edinburgh by 22 points to nil. Air Force beat Australia, at Gloucester by 7 points to 3.

20 GOALS TO NIL.

The Bristol Rovers' record score of 15 goals to 1, scored against Weymouth in the qualifying competition of the English Cup in 1900, went by the board recently. As the Royal Ordnance Corps were unable to keep their appointment, the Rovers received the Great Western Railway Carriage Staff and beat them 20 goals to nil, after leading 11 to nil at the interval. No fewer than eight of the Rovers' team scored.

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SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

SOME CLOSE FINISHES.

Saturday's Gymkhana was a day of close finishes and many of the events constituted a surprise. There was a large attendance, and some big prizes were paid in the cash sweep. Saturday's Gymkhana was the second held within a month. Quite an innovation was the introduction of fancy dresses in the Ladies' Nomination Race. This provoked much amusement owing to the diversity of dresses. The entrants in this race were: Mr. Dowbiggin as a "Frog"; Mr. Des Vaux as "Mephistopheles"; Mr. T. M. Leitch as "Bunny" (from "Pinkie and the Fairies"); Mr. White as "Arab Warrior"; Mr. G. C. Moxon as a "Costermonger"; Mr. R. P. Thurstfield as the "Rev. Mr. Moxon"; Mr. H. W. Lucas as "Pierrot"; Mr. W. J. Morrison as "Dolly Varden"; Mr. J. H. Congdon as a "Costermonger"; and Mr. J. P. Jones as "Golliwog." The most amusing costumes were the "Rev. Mr. Moxon" and "Mephistopheles." (Mr. Moxon) & "Mephistopheles." The ladies who nominated these three best costumes were Mrs. Thurstfield, Mrs. Moxon and Miss V. Grimble.

His Excellency the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., and H.E. Major-General Ventris were among those who attended. The results were:

Patrons:—H. E. The Officer Administering the Government The Hon. Mr. D. Landale, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. D. M. Ross, Dr. Forsyth, Major L. Cassel, Mr. J. Gibb, Mr. C. H. Blason, Hon. Secretary Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Judge Commodore V. G. Garner, A.S., Handicapper Mr. D. M. Ross, in charge of the Scales Mr. J. Gibb, 1st Starter Mr. H. J. Gedde, 2nd Starter Mr. J. H. Congdon, Time Keeper Mr. M. S. Sassoon.

FIVE FURLONGS RACE.—For Subscription Griffins of Season 1918-1919 which have run and not won a Race either at Official meeting or at First Gymkhana.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's, Morning Star, 152, Mr. Sedgwick 1, Mr. Grimstone, Wedding Bells, 152, Mr. Knoll 2, Mr. Buxey's Hector, 145, Mr. Mody 3. Also ran: Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin's Dalesman, 151, Mr. Sutton; Mr. Jay Pee's, Eaton Boy (late Woodworker) 157, Mr. Soares.

Morning Star had the greater part of the support finding over twice as many backers as Wedding Bells. There was a very fine race up the home straight the two leaders going neck and neck for a considerable distance. The result was always in doubt, but Morning Star got past the post by a head, a length and a half separating the next two ponies. Time 1 min. 30 1/5 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 69 \$64.20
Ticket No. 66 189.80
Ticket No. 129 94.80
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner, \$7.40; Placed Ponies: 1st, \$5.50; 2nd, \$3.10.

GYMKHANA STAKES.—Distance one mile.

Mr. Horsford's, Malcolm, 156, Mr. Knoll 1, Mr. D. M. Ross, Pink Eye, 174, Mr. Sedgwick 1, Mr. Dryasdust's, Salamander, 150, Mr. Sutton 2.

Also ran: Mr. John Peel's Burning Daylight, 157, Mr. Gegg. Malcolm and Pink Eye fought the finish out to a dead heat after an exceptionally fine tussle. Pink Eye led on passing the post for the first time followed by Burning Daylight and Malcolm. Up the incline Salamander commenced to pick up ground and at the village bend had overhauled Burning Daylight, and pulling up to Malcolm and Pink Eye challenged them strongly. The other two ponies however pulled away and raced hard for the post. A dead heat resulting. Salamander was four lengths behind. Time 2 min. 06 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 1 \$55.00
Ticket No. 124 585.00
Ticket No. 215 150.00
Pari Mutuel:—
Winners: \$3.10, \$5.50; Placed Ponies: \$3.00, \$3.00.

"A" CLASS HANDICAP.—Three quarters of a mile, for China Ponies.

Mr. Henry Humphrey's, Grey Mouse, 151, Mr. Knoll 1, Mr. John Peel's, Alexander, 157, Mr. Gegg 2, Mr. J. W. Doyle's, Rochester (late Seyhoon), Mr. Doyle 3.

Also ran: Sir Paul's Regularity Dahlia, 154, Mr. Kremer; Mr. Dynasty's Vivat, 153, Mr. Sedgwick; Sir Ellis Kadoorie's Tytam Chief, 150, Mr. Sutton.

Alexander was the favourite for the race and failed to justify the faith by half a length. The three leaders came in in a bunch riding hard, there only being a head between second and third. Time 1 min. 34 4/5 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 200 \$94.70
Ticket No. 234 270.50
Ticket No. 21 135.40
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner \$13.10; Placed Ponies: 1st, \$3.50; 2nd, \$3.50; 3rd, \$6.50.

"B" CLASS HANDICAP.—Three quarters of a mile.

Mr. Gilpin's, Dusky, 151, Mr. Knoll 1, Mr. Dryasdust's, Maybe, 158, Mr. Sutton 2, Mr. St. George's, Gentle Cat, 157, Mr. Gegg 3.

Also ran: Mr. G. and G.'s, Second Fiddle, 153, Mr. Doyle; Mr. Soares's, Lovejoy, 149, Mr. Soares; Mr. Blank's, Meymoon, 149, Mr. Morrison; Mr. Buxey's, Hector, 145, Mr. Mody; Mr. P. K.'s, Wei-hai Chief, 143, Mr. Kremer.

Dusky created a surprise by winning this race after breaking away from the mafco and galloping round the course, for some time defying all efforts to capture him. Dusky got the lead at the start and maintained it to win by a length, the same distance separating second and third. Time 1 min. 35 2/5 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 318 \$1,023.40
Ticket No. 257 292.40
Ticket No. 12 148.30
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner, \$30.00; Placed Ponies: 1st, \$7.70; 2nd, \$6.10; 3rd, \$7.30.

LATE CAPT. BRYSON. A KEEN SPORTSMAN.

Reporting the death, which occurred at Singapore, after a bathing accident, of Captain T. L. Bryson, of the Chinese Labour Corps, the N. C. Daily News says:—The fourth son of the Rev. T. Bryson, he was born in Tientsin and educated at the school for sons of missionaries at Blackheath. On leaving school he came back to Tientsin and joined the firm of Doney & Co., with whom he was associated up to the time of his death.

Tom Bryson for many years was a leading light in the world of sport in North China. Amongst his many activities he was a keen Rugby football player, having represented Tientsin in Interport matches. On the water he figure prominently as champion swimmer of North China and a member of the Rowing Club. For a considerable time he was Secretary of the St. Andrew's Society of Tientsin, and foreman of the Fire Brigade in that port.

Since 1917 he served with distinction in the Chinese Labour Corps in France, getting his Company soon after arrival.

Both in France and China he was beloved by all who came in contact with him for his staunch friendship and his outstanding quality of ever "playing the game." In 1914 he married Miss Rhoda Miller, of Shanghai, by whom he is survived with their only son. Capt. Bryson was the youngest of four brothers who served with distinction in the war, another of them being Major A. C. Bryson, M.C., R.A.M.C., who recently took up practice in Shanghai.

LADIES' NOMINATION RACE.—Judgment of Pace Competition.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin nominated by Miss Angel Ormiston 1. Also ran: Mr. W. J. Morrison, nominated by Mrs. Crockett; Mr. E. des Vaux, nominated by Miss V. Grimble; Mr. J. H. Congdon, nominated by Mrs. Congdon; Mr. R. P. Thurstfield, nominated by Mrs. Thurstfield; Mr. T. M. Leitch, nominated by Mrs. Ritchie; Mrs. H. W. Lucas, nominated by Mrs. Williams; Lt. G. P. Jones, nominated by Mrs. F. C. Millington; Mr. G. C. Moxon, nominated by Mrs. Moxon; Lt. White, nominated by Miss Moxon.

All the competitors with one exception were disqualified for passing the post before the second gong had sounded. Mr. Dowbiggin who won was a long way from the post. Cash Sweep:—
Ticket No. 143 \$1,422.00
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner, \$46.10; Placed: \$79.50.

HANDICAP.—From two mile post, one round and in.

Mr. G. and G.'s, Viola, 157, Mr. Knoll 1, Mr. Goalhead's, Smokebox, 165, Mr. Sedgwick 2, Mr. Gay Birds, Swallow, 155, Mr. Kremer 3.

Also ran: Mr. Staves's, Flyford, 151, Doyle; Mr. Soares's, Judex, Mr. Soares; Mr. Jay Pee's, Eaton Boy, 146, Mr. Morrison. Swallow led past the post, followed by Viola and Smokebox. There was a fine race up the straight, only half a length separating the three leaders in each case. Time 2 min. 30 2/5 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 123 \$1,017.10
Ticket No. 169 290.50
Ticket No. 51 145.30
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner, \$9.50; Placed Ponies: 1st, \$3.50; 2nd, \$3.50; 3rd, \$3.50.

HANDICAP.—One and a quarter miles.

Mr. J. W. Doyle's, Rochester, 155, Mr. Doyle 1, Mr. John Peel's, Alexander, 157, Mr. Sedgwick 2, Mr. St. George's, Gentle Cat, 146, Mr. Kremer 3.

Also ran: Mr. Staves's, Mountain Ford, 146, Mr. Knoll; Mr. Dynasty's, Vivat, 153, Mr. Sutton. Rochester got in by a neck, with Alexander leading Gentle Cat by four lengths. Time 2 min. 40 4/5 secs.

Cash Sweeps:—
Ticket No. 232 \$1,521.30
Ticket No. 287 315.50
Ticket No. 381 175.00
Pari Mutuel:—
Winner, \$43.70; Placed Ponies: 1st, \$27.10; 2nd, \$8.50.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

R. G. A. c. NAVY.

The Navy, who played a man short, received a very severe defeat at the hands of the R.G.A. on Saturday, played on the Navy Ground. The Sailors' team comprised a number of new players and the only batsman to make any kind of showing was L. Vincent, who scored 27. The remaining scores were very poor and included four "ducks," the final total being 59. The Soldiers opened well and there were six double figure scores recorded. Lt. Sutherland heading the sheet with 53; the team being dismissed for a total of 159. Scores:—

NAVY.

Paymer, Robinson, b. Baines...	11
Mr. Johnston, b. Baines...	0
Mr. Kennett, c. Talfourd, b. Baines...	0
Mr. Coombes, b. Baines...	8
L. S. Waters, b. Baines...	0
L. Vincent, c. Talfourd, b. Athorne...	27
L. Hake, b. Baines...	1
S. P. O. Rushbrook, not out...	5
L. S. Collins, b. Baines...	0
Boy Hall, b. Athorne...	0
L. S. Swedley, absent...	—
Extras...	6
Total...	59

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Baines	12	4	25
Athorne	11	2	28

R.G.A.

Cpl. Mann, b. Kennett...	12
Gr. Middleton, c. Hake, b. Vincent...	15
Sgt. Talfourd, c. Waters, b. Coombes...	11
Sgt. Athorne, c. Vincent, b. Coombes...	0
Gr. Sharman, c. Hake, b. Robinson...	25
Lt. Sutherland, b. Kennett...	52
Gr. Perkins, c. Coombes, b. Johnston...	4
Lt. Torr, b. Kennett...	0
Gr. Sharp, not out...	23
Gr. Baines, b. Johnston...	1
Gr. Green, c. Robinson, b. Johnston...	3
Extras...	13
Total...	159

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Kennett	13	0	40
Robinson	8	1	29
Coombes	7	1	23
Vincent	7	1	33
Collins	2	0	14
Johnston	2	0	7

CRAIGENGOWER c. C.R.C.

Despite the fact that the winner, Craigenower, made a total of 78 only, the C.R.C. were unable to secure a win, being short of their opponents' figure by 15. The match was played on the victors' ground, Craigenower started badly, losing three wickets for eleven runs. Arculli and Abbas then made a stand, the former making 24 and the latter 36. With the exception of S. Jex, who scored ten, the remainder of the team failed to make any showing. The Chinese also started badly, four wickets falling for 14 runs. Ng Sze Kwong and G. Lee then pulled things together and the score was taken to 69 when Ng was bowled by Lammet. At this stage victory seemed assured but the remainder of the Chinese team went to pieces and were all out for 72. Yew Man Tsun did well with the ball for the C.R.C., taking six wickets for 18 runs. Scores:—

CRAIGENGOWER.

R. Baza, b. Un Hew Fan...	0
A. Arculli, c. Ng Sze Kwong, b. Yew...	24
L. C. Lammet, l.b.w. Un Hew Fan...	2
F. G. Thompson, h.w. Yew...	6
W. M. Omar, c. Ng Sze Kwong, b. Yew...	0
M. H. Abbas, c. Lee, b. Ng Sze Kwong...	36
S. Jex, c. Yew b. Un Hew Fan...	10
A. Ismail, b. Yew Man Tsun...	0
W. Hall, c. Cheung Wing Kui, b. Yew...	5
W. Muskett, not out...	2
T. Pereira, c. Wong Po Keung, b. Yew...	0
Extras...	2
Total...	87

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Un Hew Fan	13	1	34
Yew Man Tsun	12	3	17
Ng Sze Kwong	4	—	17
G. Lee	5	—	17

C. R. C.

Wong Po Keung, b. Omar...	0
G. Hall, b. Omar...	2
Ng Sze Kwong, b. Lammet...	43
Un Hew Fan, b. Abbas...	6
H. Ching, b. Omar...	1

G. Lee, not out...	11
Yew Man Tsun, b. Lammet...	0
C. F. Lee, c. Jex, b. Lammet...	1
J. Wong, run out...	0
Cheung Wing Kui, b. Abbas...	1
Wong Kwok Kwong, c. and b. Abbas...	0
Extras...	6
Total...	72

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Omar	7	—	30
Abbas	11	1	25
Lammet	4	—	10

KOWLOON v. UNIVERSITY. Kowloon secured an easy victory over the University, at King's Park, on Saturday, scoring 216 for six wickets, of which Claxton made 76, Macaskill 51 and Goodall 46. The University, who played one man short, were only able to reach a total of 116, of which Marley compiled 61. Scores:—

KOWLOON.

D. M. Goodall, run out...	46
L. J. Blackburn, c. and b. Marley...	3
C. P. James, b. Marley...	0
A. A. Claxton, c. Choa Man Ping, b. Wright...	76
C. I. Stapleton, l.b.w. b. Wright...	7
J. P. Robinson, l.b.w. b. Marley...	2
K. R. Macaskill, not out...	51
R. Pestonji, not out...	6
D. G. Nicoll, J. D. Birrell and H. Overy, did not bat...	—
Extras...	25
Total...	216

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
G. E. Marley	17	1	87
D. K. Samy	3	—	7
J. D. Wright	14	—	97

UNIVERSITY.

R. A. Basto, b. Pestonji...	9
Lim Keng Sim, b. James...	0
G. E. Marley, not out...	69
D. K. Samy, c. Claxton, b. James...	0
Cheak Tom Lok, b. Pestonji...	5
Choa Man Ping, b. James...	1
J. D. Wright, b. James...	2
H. Phipps, b. James...	2
W. Gittins, c. and b. James...	21
L. Throy, b. James...	0
One man short...	—
Extras...	9
Total...	116

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Pestonji	10	0	18
C. P. James	14	5	34
H. Overy	6	0	13
L. J. Blackburn	4	0	13
J. P. Robinson	3	1	11

FRIENDLY MATCH.

The Civil Service played a friendly game against an eleven got together by Mr. Ponsonby Fane, on the Civil Service ground. Owing to low scoring a second innings was played, each side batting for 35 minutes, and the match resulted in a win for Mr. Ponsonby Fane's team by 57 runs. Scores:—

CIVIL SERVICE.

A. E. Wood, b. Conner...	2
B. W. Bradbury, c. Rhodes, b. Coles...	4
P. T. Lumble, run out...	0
R. Duncan, c. Conner, b. Coles...	0
Dr. Smalley, b. Conner...	5
F. J. Ling, b. Conner...	17
W. H. Edmonds, b. Coles...	1
C. Sara, b. Conner...	1
H. E. Strange, not out...	4
E. Fincher, c. McConnell, b. Conner...	5
C. Tacchi, b. Coles...	1
Extras...	5
Total...	45

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Coles	7	1	22
Conner	7	3	18

MR. PONSONBY FANE'S XI.

Major L. R. Taylor, b. Lumble...	17
Lt. Col. Coles, c. Ling, b. Strange...	11
P. Jacks, c. Sara, b. Lumble...	0
Pte. Conner, c. Edmonds, b. Lumble...	0
K. McConnell, b. Lumble...	9
R. A. Ponsonby Fane, b. Lumble...	5
F. Mohler, b. Strange...	2
Cpl. Horrocks, not out...	5
R. Anderson, b. Strange...	5
Pte. Rhodes, b. Strange...	4
Extras...	1
Total...	63

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Ling	5	—	21
Lumble	10	—	31
Strange	6	3	10

CIVIL SERVICE—2ND INNINGS.

B. W. Bradbury, b. Horrocks...	0
C. Sara, b. Horrocks...	7
P. T. Lumble, not out...	12
A. E. Wood, c. Ponsonby Fane, b. Coles...	2
E. Fincher, b. Coles...	0
Dr. Smalley, c. Anderson, b. Coles...	3
Extras...	13
Total...	37

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
W. H. Edmonds, F. J. Ling, H. E. Strange, C. Tacchi and R. Duncan did not bat.	—	—	—

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL.

GOOD GAME AT THE VALLEY.

Saturday last rung down the curtain on local football. The weather is certainly getting too hot now for serious football, but the game on Saturday was of a very interesting nature and a really strong League team was fully extended by the clever local side, although the League team secured three goals. South China, who are proceeding to Manila to represent China in the Olympic Games (Eastern Section) were welcomed by a huge crowd on Saturday, who had the satisfaction of seeing some first class bits of football. The League team was a solid-looking lot, but the pace set by the Chinese team from the start was encouraging to their supporters, and although the League team should have taken an early lead, there was not much to choose between the two teams for a time. Lawrence and Chapman for the League were all out to stop Au Kit San and Kwok Po Kun on several occasions, the latter wing being in fine form in the first half. The Chinese team lost two very good chances, before McNiven got through with a characteristic goal, and the League side's shooting was very erratic or they would have led by more than one goal at the interval.

In the second half, the Chinese team did not fall away, and looked to be keeping the pace well. There was an element of luck about the second goal, a nice shot by Townsend being partially saved by the goalie at full length, and just rolling over. The Chinese inside right should have scored just after, but Warren and Lawrence were rare blasters, and the chance was lost. The football was of a very interesting nature, and the Chinese defence were doing well to keep the strong League forward line out, and McNiven was just stopped in time after beating several men. From the ensuing corner, however, the same player, scored with very clever head-work. Ko Kin Fin made some very spirited dashes on the right wing in the latter stages, but Taylor was generally in the right place when wanted.

There is not doubt, apart from their weakness in scoring against the heavier and taller British teams in the Colony, that the Chinese team is equally as clever as the other Senior Clubs, and against a team their own size and weight they would be almost irresistible. The team on Saturday played with delightful freedom and some of their footwork was high class. Cheung and his backs played well against good heavy men, and Leung Yuk Tong played a remarkably hard game with Fung Dai in the middle line, the little centre-half being greatly handicapped by his lack of inches. The forwards played bright, fast football and Kwok Po Kun and Ko Kin Fin are first class players, with the others not a long way behind. The team was very popular also with the European section of the crowd, and there is no doubt that their inclusion has considerably brightened local sport this season.

The League team to a man played up to their reputations, and were a warm lot, and as the majority of them will be in the Colony next year. Soccer followers should be assured of a good season. The receipts taken will considerably help the League finances and the Navy, who have had such a brilliant season and have won both the Hongkong and United Services League, will be presented with suitable medals at an early date.

QUIZ.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Lammet	6	2	9
Horrocks	7	1	10
Coles	3	2	4
Conner	2	1	1

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Cpl. Horrocks, not out...	31
E. Lammet, run out...	12
Major Taylor, not out...	31
Extras...	2
Total...	76

Pte. Conner, K. McConnell, Pte. Rhodes, F. Mohler, P. Jacks, R. Anderson and R. Ponsonby Fane did not bat.

Bowling.

O.	M.	R.	W.
Edmonds	3	—	19
Smalley	2	—	18
Duncan	2	—	23
Wood	2	—	14

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

At the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, the Hongkong Football Club held their annual dinner, which function was revived from last year. A large number of members and their friends attended, and in the absence of the Chairman, Mr. R. Wilton, who is on leave in England, the chair was taken by Mr. J. McCubbin, one of the oldest playing members of the Club, who was supported by Lieut. Higby, H.K.D.C., Mr. H. Ramsey, Mr. J. Stewart (Captain), Mr. G. Gerrard, Hon. Secy., and Mr. H. Morrison. After the loyal toast had been honoured, Lieut. Higby toasted the Hongkong Football Club in felicitous manner, and deplored the fact that from a Club point of view his old regiment had been the principal means of removing the Club from the Championship of the Hongkong League.

There were many toasts interspersed with harmony, the proceedings being marked with great enthusiasm. During the course of the evening, the Chairman, who was received with musical honours, presented Mr. F. W. Black and Mr. D. Reichelmann, players of the team, the former on leaving the Colony and on his retirement from active football, and the latter in view of his approaching marriage, with a handsome silver rose bowl and silver eperguez respectively. Mr. McCubbin spoke in very flattering terms of his two clubmates, wishing them all success and happiness in their new spheres of interest, and hoped that the souvenirs would remind them both of the happy sporting days in Hongkong and good friends made there.

Mr. Black and Mr. Reichelmann expressed their thanks for the handsome gifts, which would be special treasures because of their associations.

Mr. Stewart, the popular Captain, gave a resume of the Club's record and doings this season, and was enthusiastically received. A popular toast by Mr. Ramsey was that of the kindred Clubs in the Colony, of which there were many representatives present, and the task of responding to this fell to Mr. J. Croaker, of the Navy team, whose association with the game had extended over a period of 25 years. Mr. Black of the Club and Mr. Wright of the H.K.F.A., who attended the dinner, having played in the same League with the speaker in England in 1893. Mr. Croaker congratulated the Hongkong Club on its spirit of camaraderie, especially with regard to the Service Clubs and players, and said as long as the Club was controlled by its present officials and supporters its success was assured. The Chairman presented Mr. Hamilton and Mr. G. Jennings, two of the Club's most promising youngsters, with a gold medal each, for the matches played in the Hongkong Shield, of which the Club were this year's winners.

Mr. J. Mead who had been associated with the Club a great number of years gave the Company some interesting bits of the former history of the Club which were very entertaining and of special interest to the Service guests present.

A musical programme was interspersed with the toasts, Mr. McLeod delighting the company with a couple of rare Scotch ballads and a breezy sea song. Mr. Croaker, R. N., rendered "Neptune," "Down the Vale," and "The Trumpeter" with fine effect. Lieut. Torr varied the programme with a couple of very enjoyable recitations, Kiplings "Mandalay" and "The Green Eye of the Yellow God." Mr. Wright, Hon. Sec. of the H. K. Football Association, gave a couple of appropriate humorous songs which were much enjoyed. Messrs. J. Stewart, E. Nval, H. McTavish and G. Jennings also contributed to the musical programme.

"Auld Lang Syne" and "The King" wound up a highly successful evening, and one which will be happily remembered by those participating. Messrs. G. Gerrard, McCubbin, H. Ramsey, J. Stewart and H. McTavish were responsible for the arrangements of a pleasant finale to a successful season. Contributed.

CARUSO'S INCOME TAX.

Enrico Caruso, the tenor, will pay an income tax to the United States Government of \$153,933.70, says a New York dispatch dated March 3.

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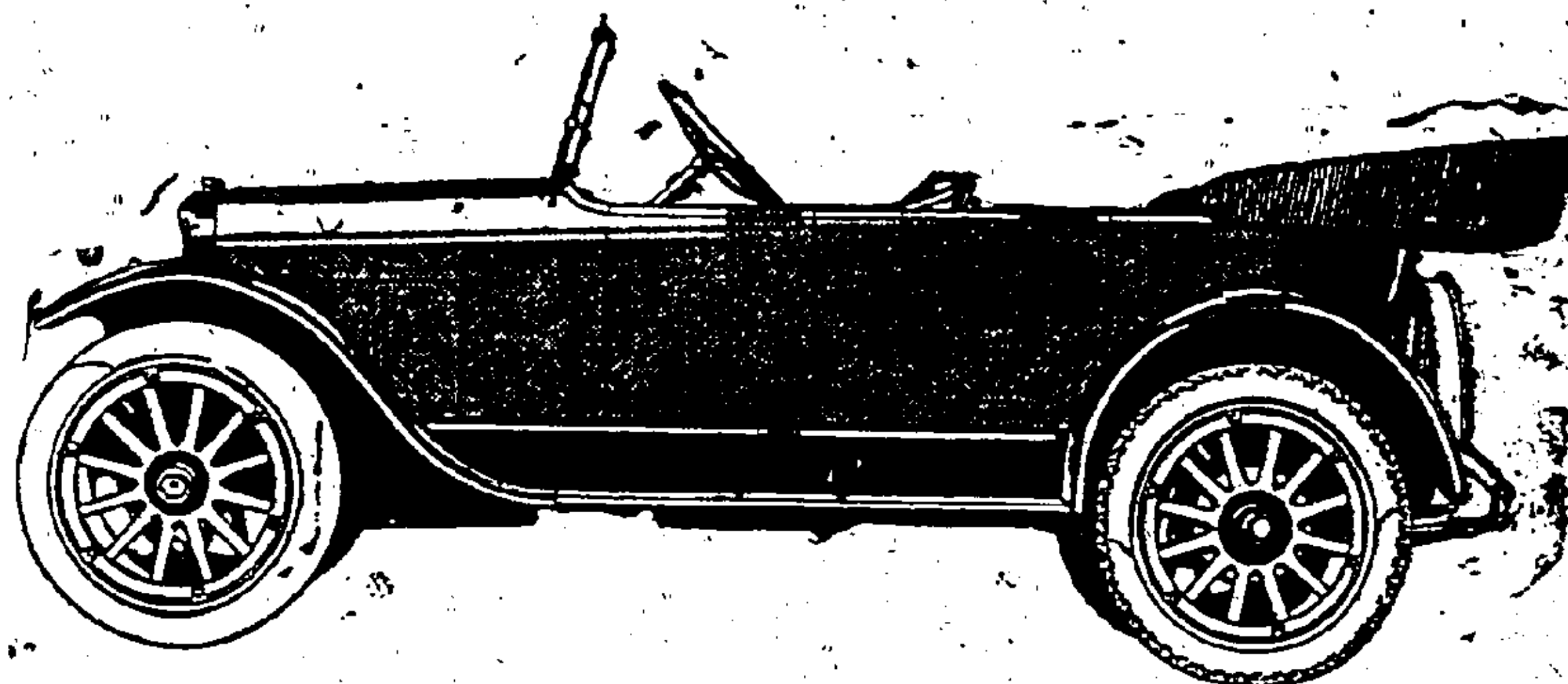
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BALL IN SHANGHAI.

The first ball since the outbreak of war of the Royal Society of St. George, Shanghai Branch, took place on April 23 at the Town Hall, when a large number of guests assembled in the beautifully decorated hall.

In the centre of the room was placed the bandstand in the form of a model, over 40 ft. long, of H.M.S. Victrola. The model, which was large enough to accommodate an orchestra of 15 musicians under Mr. J. Raynes, was as close a copy of an authoritative picture of the vessel as could be obtained after allowing for the adaptations to be made in order that it should fulfil the functions expected of it. Painted in battleship grey, the vessel was picked out in lights as such ships generally are after reviews, and at intervals during the evening the other lights in the hall were lowered while the capers circled round the illuminated ship. When the lights were up, the Victrola was seen to be flying the signals conveying the famous reply of the Victrola to Admiral Keyes a year ago on St. George's Day when the famous Zebrugge raid was carried out. The model was built by the New Engineering & Shipbuilding Co., to the design of Mr. A. L. Blechynden, who are to be congratulated on the excellent effect they obtained.

COOLIE STRIKE IN KONGMOON.

LOCAL FREIGHTS HELD UP.

Owing to a strike of the Kongmoon lighter coolies, no cargo is being loaded on vessels plying to and from that port and Hongkong. It appears that the Chinese authorities have decided to enforce the same law which is levied in Canton which the coolies refuse to pay. A similar strike took place last year at Kongmoon on the same grounds, but the men resumed work in about two days owing to the Chinese authorities giving way. The present strike has now been going on for about five days, and it appears that the matter will not be settled as last year. Consequently a prolonged abstinence from work by the coolies is anticipated.

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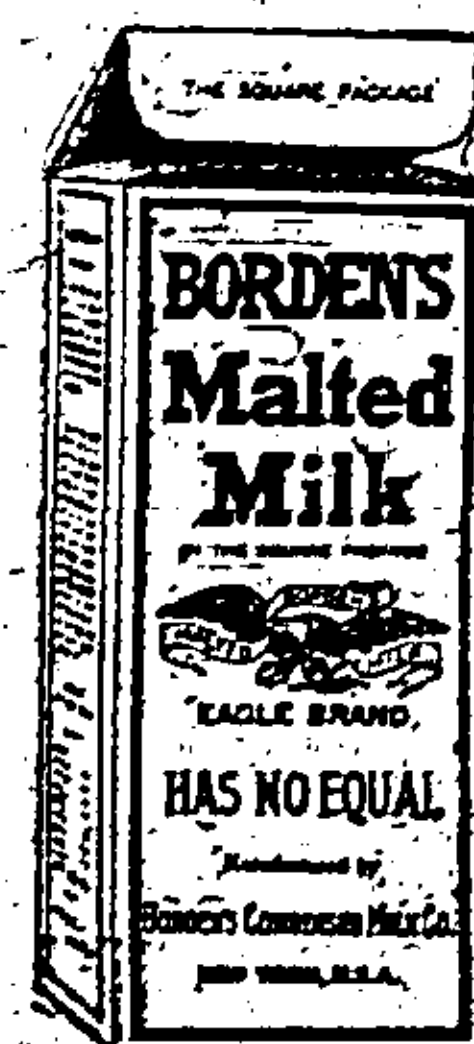
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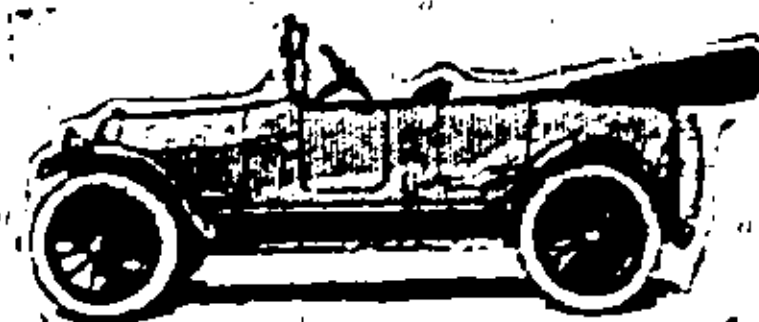
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE APPROACH OF PEACE.

GERMAN DELEGATES SUMMONED.

Paris, April 19.
The German delegates have been officially summoned to Versailles for April 22. The summons was transmitted by General Nudant, President of the Allied Armistice Commission at Spa to the President of the German Commission. The German Peace delegates will meet at the Versailles Hotel, the Grand Vatel and annex and Hotel Reservoirs—Havas.

GERMAN TALK OF REFUSAL TO SIGN.

Berlin, April 20.
The newspapers are agitated on the subject of the peace terms and discuss the possibility of the National Assembly submitting them to a plebiscite. The "Tageblatt" says if the terms are irreconcilable with President Wilson's points counter-proposals must be made, then if the Entente refuses to negotiate and demands our submission we must refuse to sign. "Vorwärts" says it is unthinkable that an international conflict can be ended without negotiations. The "Lokal Anzeiger" says the Entente's note does not exclude negotiation. The "Taegliche Rundschau" urges the nation to be firm and insist on negotiation while the "Tages Zeitung" and "Kreuz Zeitung" and "Germania" talk in heroic vein about refusing to sign.

REAL REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

Paris, April 20.
Replying to the German Press Bureau communique and the Government's notification that they are sending representatives to Versailles the Council of Four replied that it cannot receive representatives who are merely messengers. Germany must appoint representatives with the same powers as those of the Allied plenipotentiaries.

THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION.

Cairo, April 15.
The authorities announce that anyone found wearing badges of the Association of National Police formed under the leadership of a Deputy, ostensibly to preserve order, will be arrested as the formation of such corps is forbidden. A communique dated April 19 states that number of arms have been seized in several villages and the neighbourhood of Drut. Persons implicated in the disturbances near Cairo on April 17 have been arrested. Cairo is quiet and there have been no new casualties the last three days.

RIOTS IN VIENNA.

London, April 21.
A telegram from Vienna reports unemployed riots. Firing occurred between rioters and police. The Parliament Building was subsequently set on fire at several places. The flames were extinguished by nightfall and order was restored.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

St. Johns, 9 a.m. April 20.
It is a very promising day for flight and if midocean conditions are favourable airmen hope to start in the afternoon.

Later.
The airmen are not starting to-day owing to midocean storms.

COUNT CZERNIN'S DENIAL.

Copenhagen, April 21.
A message from Vienna, states that Count Czernin has telegraphed from Feldkirch denying the report of his flight and subsequent arrest.

PROTEST BY WOMEN.

Paris, April 19.
Five million American women joined French women in protesting against the outrageous crimes committed against women by the armies of the Central Powers and demanding punishment of the guilty.—Havas.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AN EIGHT HOUR DAY.

Paris, April 19.
A law establishing an eight hour working day has been passed by the Chamber of Deputies.—Havas.

MAY DAY.

Paris, April 19.
The May Day demonstration will have quite a holiday character.—Havas.

ADMIRAL BEATTY TO VISIT FRANCE.

Paris, April 19.
Admiral Sir David Beatty is expected to visit Cherbourg and Brest. He has sent a message to France that he is proud of coming in contact with the glorious French army as proof of the brotherhood of the English and French armies and navies.—Havas.

JAPANESE STEAMER ON FIRE.

Paris, April 19.
The Japanese liner Shampo Maru was heavily damaged by fire in Port Marseilles. There were no casualties.—Havas.

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Brest, April 21.
The liner George Washington has arrived.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 23.
Silver at 48 13-16 is steady.

HOME VOLUNTEER FORCE.

QUESTION OF ITS FUTURE.

The Army Council have addressed the following communication to the Lords Lieutenant regarding the position of the Volunteer Force.

The original purposes for which the Volunteer Force was raised were to provide additional protection to this country from outside attack and to replace full time troops in the performance of certain temporary services. Owing to the altered military situation those purposes have lost some of their urgency; nevertheless, the general situation cannot be said to be clear, nor can our troubles be at an end while the terms of peace remain unratified. A period of suspense is therefore imposed, during which the Council have no intention of breaking up an organisation which by hard work and keen public spirit has achieved a considerable degree of military efficiency.

Although obligatory training and further enrolments have been temporarily suspended, it is intended to keep the force in being, pending the final decision as to its disposal, which must await the trend of events. The Council, therefore, appeal to all ranks to maintain their cohesion as an organisation in every way possible under the altered conditions.

Whether the force shall be ultimately disbanded or invited

to form part of the Home Defence organisation of the future, is a matter which cannot be decided at the moment. Meanwhile, as an immediate mark of appreciation of their services, the Army Council have decided, under conditions to be laid down, that after the ratification of the terms of peace Volunteer officers shall be allowed to retain honorary rank on retirement and the right to wear uniform on special occasions, and that other ranks of the force shall be permitted to retain their uniform (i.e. service dress, cap, puttees, and regimental badges). The question of any further recognition of the valuable services rendered by the force will remain for later consideration.

The Council feel that it is due to the Volunteers that, as soon as possible, they should be relieved of any anxiety arising out of present uncertainty of their position, and you are therefore requested to take the necessary steps forthwith to circulate the foregoing to all units in your county.

NO CRIME.

Crowds in Paris cheered the acquittal of a young dressmaker who was charged with murdering her new-born baby by severing a vein in the foot. The girl was taken prisoner by the Germans at Maubeuge, and protested that it was no crime to kill a child of which she was the unwilling mother.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "BUYO MARU."

From SINGAPORE, April 23rd.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bill of Lading for counter-signature and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk. Storage charges will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered on and after Wednesday, April 30th.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined, Wednesday, April 30th, 10 A.M.

No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

T. DAIGO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1919.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

S.S. "TENYO MARU."

From SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and SHANGHAI, Monday, April 21st.

Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery from alongside Steamer or the Company's godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk. Storage charges will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered on and after Monday, April 28th.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godown, where same will be examined Monday, April 28th, 10 A.M.

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Hongkong, 21st April, 1919.

THE KING'S SAFE STOLEN.

Arthur Jay Thompson, who pleaded guilty at the Harlinghurst Sessions to breaking and entering a counting-house, the property of His Majesty the King, and stealing a safe, was sentenced recently to eighteen months' hard labour. Judge Backhouse said that if a ship could be found for accused a little later he would recommend that he be allowed to go. It was stated that the safe, which weighed 2cwt, was removed from the Government Shipping Office, in York Street, and was found on a vacant allotment near the building. Thompson, who was a fireman on a steamer, from which he deserted, was found lying asleep alongside the safe. In reply to the constable, Thompson said that two men who had removed the safe from the building ran away when they saw accused coming along, and he had decided to mind it until the police arrived.

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